



DATA SHEET

3Com® OfficeConnect® Wireless 11g Access Point and OfficeConnect Wireless 11g PC Card

Key Benefits

High Performance and Wide Coverage

For simple, reliable, high-speed wireless connections, choose a winning combination: the 3Com® OfficeConnect® Wireless 11g Access Point and 3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g PC Card. Both wireless products support 802.11g wireless connections. Users can roam about the office—accessing network resources, the Internet, and e-mail—all at speeds up to 54 Mbps and at distances up to 100 meters (328 feet). That's almost five times the speed of existing 802.11b wireless products, which makes these products—ideal for audio, video, and multimedia applications.

Compatible

The 802.11g wireless products are backward-compatible with 802.11b wireless products, since they both use the 2.4 GHz radio spectrum. Your existing wireless network investment is preserved because the 3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Access Point supports 802.11b as well as 802.11g notebooks, PCs, and other wireless client devices. And these products are Wi-Fi certified, so they interoperate with Wi-Fi certified products from other vendors.

Economical

Wireless networks can be a viable alternative to wired network expansions and an attractive solution for branch offices, remote sites, and classrooms. Since there's no need to drill holes or run Ethernet cabling, it's also cost-effective for temporary networks. The access point supports up to 128 simultaneous users, which gives you plenty of room to grow.

Simple Installation and Use

Setup and operation are extraordinarily easy, making this product pairing an intelligent choice for first-time wireless users and small offices. The access point and PC Card install quickly and easily. Plug the access point into a power source and the wired LAN, and it's ready for use—typically no manual configuration is required. To speed setup for specific configurations, a single access point configuration can be propagated to all other access points on the network. The PC Card features Wireless Card Manager that lets you create profiles for your notebook users that reflect specific wireless LAN settings for each place they travel: users just select the proper profile and they are configured for connection.

Secure

Advanced 256-bit WPA (Wireless Protected Access) encryption provides maximum security to the wireless LAN, while 40/64- and 128-bit WEP (Wireless Encryption Protocol) shared-key encryption helps protect data, and retains privacy of wireless transmissions with legacy wireless clients that do not support WPA.

Reliable Connections

Dynamic rate shifting automatically matches the best connection speed in response to physical and traffic conditions, so wireless connections stay reliable. Clear Channel Select enables the access point to scan the spectrum and select the least busy channel—automatically.

The simple,
affordable way
to network
without wires

Feature	Benefit
Powerful	
High-speed access and wide coverage	802.11g standard supports speeds up to 54 Mbps—five times the speed of existing 802.11b wireless products—at distances up to 100 meters (328 feet)*.
User support	Access point supports up to 128 simultaneous users, allowing plenty of room for growth.
Compatible	
Backward-compatible to 802.11b	Preserves your existing wireless investment; the 3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Access Point supports both 802.11g and 802.11b wireless users.
Wi-Fi certified	Helps ensure interoperability with Wi-Fi certified products from other vendors.
Easy to Use	
Simple installation	No need to drill holes or run Ethernet cabling to set up your network.
Wireless Card Manager	Lets you create profiles for each place notebook users travel, so they can move from one environment to the next without reconfiguring.
Access Point Discovery program	Automatically identifies and configures network devices with little to no manual configuration required.
Save and restore feature	Copies settings to wireless devices on the network, simplifying and speeding LAN setup.
Web-based administration	Familiar browser interface lets you configure and manage network devices from anywhere.
Reliable	
Dynamic rate shifting	Shifts between 54, 48, 36, 24, 18, 12, 9, and 6 Mbps (802.11g) and 11, 5.5, 2, and 1 Mbps (802.11b) connection speeds in response to physical conditions and RF interference.
Clear Channel Select	Selects the channel with the least traffic for problem-free connections.
Secure	
Encryption	Advanced 256-bit WPA encryption provides maximum wireless security, while 40/64-bit and 128-bit WEP shared key encryption protects legacy wireless clients.

*Range depends on physical conditions, building construction, electrical devices in the area, and other environmental factors.

Specifications

3Com OfficeConnect 11g Access Point-Specific Specifications

Minimum System Requirements

Any computer with an Ethernet 10BASE-T, 10/100, or 10/100/1000 interface that is configured for Internet communication. Any operating system that supports an Ethernet connection with an IP stack (Installation CD requires Windows 98, Windows ME, Windows XP, or Windows 2000). For wireless access, PC or laptops with 802.11g or 802.11b adapter cards.

Users Supported

128 simultaneous users

Physical Ports

LAN: 1 10/100 Port

Receive Sensitivity

802.11g

54 Mbps: -66 dBm
48 Mbps: -69 dBm
36 Mbps: -72 dBm
24 Mbps: -75 dBm
18 Mbps: -79 dBm
12 Mbps: -82 dBm
9 Mbps: -82 dBm
6 Mbps: -85 dBm

802.11b

11 Mbps: -82 dBm
5.5 Mbps: -85 dBm
2 Mbps: -87 dBm
1 Mbps: -90 dBm

Performance Features

Clear Channel Select, dynamic rate shifting

Installation, Configuration, and Management

Browser-based access point administration

Wireless-installation and device-discovery wizards

Pre-set defaults

Save and restore configuration files

LED Indicators

Power; LAN port status—link, speed, and activity;

WLAN port status—link, activity; Alert/diagnostics

Dimensions and Weight

Height: 2.5 cm (1 in)

Width: 22 cm (8.7 in)

Depth: 13.5 cm (5.3 in)

Weight: 592 g (1.3 lb)

Power

Supplied with external OfficeConnect power adapter:

Operating input voltage: 10–30V

Operating frequency: 47–63Hz

Maximum power consumption: 6.5W

Regulatory/Agency Approvals

Safety: UL 1950, EN 60950

CSA 22.7 #950, IEC 60950

Emissions: EN 55022 Class B, EN 55024, FCC Part 15, Class B

ICES-003 Class B, CNS 13438 Class A

Environmental: EN 60068 (IEC 68), UL Listed—CSA certified

Environmental Range

Operating temperature:

0° to 40°C (32° to 105°F)

Non-operating temperature:

-40° to 70°C (-40° to 158°F)

Operating humidity:

0 to 90% non-condensing

Package Contents

- OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Access Point
- OfficeConnect power adapter
- Quick Start Guide
- CD ROM containing Access Point Discovery program and user guide
- One straight-through category 5 UTP patch cable
- Four rubber feet

3Com OfficeConnect 11g PC Card-Specific Specifications

System Requirements

Notebook PC with an available Type II or Type III 32-bit PC Card slot (3.3V)

Notebook PC must be running Windows XP/Me/2000/98 SE

Drivers/Supported Operating Systems

NDIS 5: Me, 2000, 98 SE

NDIS 5.1: Windows XP

Receive Sensitivity

802.11g

54 Mbps: -67.6 dBm
48 Mbps: -69.6 dBm
36 Mbps: -78.8 dBm
24 Mbps: -79.8 dBm
18 Mbps: -85.4 dBm
12 Mbps: -85.6 dBm
9 Mbps: -88.5 dBm
6 Mbps: -88.0 dBm

802.11b

11 Mbps: -82.8 dBm
5.5 Mbps: -78.8 dBm
2 Mbps: -89.9 dBm
1 Mbps: -89.9 dBm

Installation, Configuration, and Management

Wireless Card Manager

Pre-set defaults

LED Indicators

Link; Activity

Dimensions

Height: 11.3 cm (3.9 in)

Width: 5.4 cm (2.8 in)

Depth: 0.5 mm (0.2 in)

Operating Voltage

3.0V–3.6V

Regulatory/Agency Approvals

Safety: UL/CSA 60950, EN 60950

Emissions: FCC Part 15.247, RSS-210, EN 300 328-2, FCC Part 15 Subpart B, (SAR) FCC OET Bulletin 65, RSS-102, prEN 50371

Environmental: EN 301 489-17

Environmental Range

Operating temperature:

0° to 50°C (32° to 122°F)

Operating humidity:

0 to 90% non-condensing

Package Contents

- PC Card
- Quick start guide
- CD-ROM containing PC Card drivers, installation and diagnostics software, and online documentation

Specifications, continued

Common Specifications

Data Rates

802.11g: 54, 48, 36, 24, 18, 12,
9, and 6 Mbps
802.11b: 11, 5.5, 2, and 1 Mbps

Frequency Band

2.4-2.4835 GHz

Wireless Medium

Direct Sequence Spread
Spectrum (DSSS)

Media Access Protocol

CSMA/CA

Operating Channels

5-7 (Israel)
10-13 (France, Jordan)
1-11 (U.S., Argentina, Brazil,
Canada, Columbia, Mexico,
Taiwan)
1-13 (elsewhere worldwide)

Operating Range

Indoor maximum: 100 meters
(328 feet)

Outdoor maximum: 457m
(1,499 feet)

Security

256-bit WPA encryption
40/64-bit and 128-bit WEP
shared-key encryption

Standards Conformance

Wi-Fi 802.11b and WPA
certified, IEEE 802.11b,
Draft-standard IEEE 802.11g

Warranty and Non-Warranty Services

One-year hardware warranty for
access point and PC Card.

Refer to www.3com.com for
details.

Ordering Information

3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Access Point	3CRWE454G72
3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g PC Card	3CRWE154G72

The 3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Access Point and 3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g PC Card can be used with these 3Com products:

3Com OfficeConnect 11g Gateway	3CRWE554G72
3Com 11 Mbps Wireless LAN Workgroup Bridge	3CWE83096A
3Com OfficeConnect 11 Mbps Wireless Access Point	3CRWE41196
3Com OfficeConnect 11 Mbps Wireless Cable/DSL Gateway	3CRWE52196
3Com OfficeConnect 11 Mbps Wireless LAN CardBus PC Card	3CRSHPW796
3Com OfficeConnect 11 Mbps Wireless LAN PC Card with XJACK® Antenna	3CRSHPW196
3Com OfficeConnect 11 Mbps Wireless LAN USB Adapter	3CRSHEW696

The 11g Access Point and PC Card are not approved for sale in all countries.